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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-33, 35-44 and 46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-33, 35-44 and 46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 June 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- 7) ☐ Notices of Informal Patent Application
- 8) ☐ Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/16/2008.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/10/2006 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 24-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 24-26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35-37, 39, 40, 43, 44, and 46, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Argence et al. (International Publication No. WO 02104054) in view of Bhagwat et al. (US Publication No. 20050128989).

As to **claims 24, 35, and 46**, D'Argence teaches a method for managing radio resources for providing wireless access to a communication system to a number of terminals, wherein the communication system comprises a first access network using a first access technology and a second access network using at least one second access technology different from the first access technology (pg. 1, lines 8-17), wherein the method comprises the steps of: receiving access relevant information (pg. 4, lines 1-11) from the first access network and the second access network (fig. 5 and pg. 15 lines 22-24), comparing the received access relevant information extracted from messages sent within the first access network to access relevant information received from the second access network (pg. 17, lines 4-15); wherein the access relevant information is expressed in comparable quantities (cell measurements) (pg. 17, lines 4- 25) and determining which access network provides a best connection (quality of service to a terminal and which access network should be accessed based on at least a result of the comparison of the received access relevant information extracted from messages sent within the first access network to the access relevant information received from the at least one second access network (pg. 17, lines 14-18 and pg. 19, lines 1-3). Also, discloses a selection manager (fig. 1, CRRM #18). However, D'Argence fails to teach wherein the access relevant information comprises information extracted by sniffing messages sent within the first access network that describes a state of at least one of the access networks based on signal

measurements and/or load measurements; wherein the messages are sniffed by a listening agent and are directed to a entity in the first access network other than the listening agent, and wherein sniffing a message includes reading a source address, a destination address, and a data payload of the sniffed message without influencing the sniffed message; and the access network which provides a best connection to a terminal.

But, Bhagwat teaches wherein the access relevant information (address information) comprises information extracted by sniffing messages sent within the first access network that describes a state (wireless activity) of at least one of the access networks based on signal measurements and/or load measurements (RSSI) (pg. 5, pp0072, and pp0073); wherein the messages are sniffed by a listening agent (sniffer, fig. 1, #122) and are directed to a entity in the first access network other than the listening agent (fig. 1), and wherein sniffing a message includes reading a source address (transmitter address), a destination address (receiver address), and a data payload of the sniffed message without influencing the sniffed message (pg. 5, pp0073, and pg. 6, pp0076). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to combine the teachings of D'Argence with the method of sniffing information in Bhagwat's system to achieve the goal of removing only the desired configuration information from a packet in a communication system.

As to **claims 25 and 36**, D'Argence teaches wherein the first access network is a wireless local area network (pg. 3, lines 11-13).

As to **claims 26 and 37**, D'Argence teaches wherein at least part of the messages sent within the first access network (fig. 1, #6) are messages sent between access points (fig. 1, #10) and (pg. 7, lines 8-11).

As to **claim 28 and 39**, D'Argence teaches wherein the extracted access relevant information comprises an identification of a terminal and an identification of an access point that the terminal has associated with (pg. 19, lines 4-10).

As to **claims 29 and 40**, D'Argence teaches wherein at least part of the access relevant information is extracted by sniffing user plane traffic for at least one terminal (pg. 13, lines 24-29), which access relevant information is used to calculate traffic volume and/or throughput of the at least one terminal (pg. 19, lines 1-3).

As to **claims 32 and 43**, D'Argence teaches wherein at least part of the messages sent within the first access network are sent between at least one terminal and an access point (pg. 1, lines 1-7).

As to **claims 33 and 44**, D'Argence teaches wherein at least part of the access relevant information extracted by sniffing messages sent within the first access network indicates how frequently a channel was busy, which indicates a load of the channel (pg. 4, lines 10-11).

Claims 27 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Argence et al (International Publication No. WO 02104054)

in view of Bhagwat et al. (US Publication No. 20050128989) and further in view of Lee et al (US Patent No. 6657981).

As to **claims 27 and 38**, D'Argence in view of Bhagwat teaches the limitations of claim 26 and 37 as discussed above. However they fail to teach defining the message by the Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP). Lee teaches an (IAPP) manager used to transfer handover information between access points in a communication network (fig. 5). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to combine the teachings of D'Argence in view of Bhagwat with the teachings of Lee to achieve the goal of efficiently and accurately transferring information within access points in a wireless communication system.

Claims 30 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Argence et al (International Publication No. WO 02104054) in view of Bhagwat et al. (US Publication No. 20050128989) and further in view of Nikkelen (US Publication No. 20030207688).

As to **claims 30 and 41**, D'Argence in view of Bhagwat teaches the limitations of claim 24 and 35 as discussed above. However they both fail to teach wherein at least part of the messages sent within the first access network are sent between access points and a router. Nikkelen teaches a core network

node used to communicate from the core network through the first type of mobile radio system which includes a radio access network and a base station (fig. 2, #20 and #26). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to combine the teachings of D'Argence in view of Bhagwat with the teachings of Nikkelen to achieve a perfect link to transfer data between components of a wireless communication system.

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Argence et al (International Publication No. WO 02104054) in view of Bhagwat et al. (US Publication No. 20050128989) and further in view of Brahmhatt et al (US Publication No. 20060116170).

As to **claim 31**, D'Argence in view of Bhagwat teaches the limitations of claim 24 as discussed above. However they both fail to teach defining the message by the Light Weight Access Point Protocol (LWAPP). Brahmhatt teaches using (LWAPP) specification may determine which access point to associate with, also the messages includes a network ID(pg. 6, pp0052, lines 1-6). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to combine the teachings of D'Argence in view of Bhagwat with the teachings of Brahmhatt to achieve the goal of efficiently and accurately transferring information within access points in a wireless communication system.

Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Argence et al (International Publication No. WO 02104054) in view of Bhagwat et al. (US Publication No. 20050128989) and Nikkelen (US Publication No. 20030207688), and further in view of Brahmhatt et al (US Publication No. 20060116170).

As to **claim 42**, D'Argence in view of Bhagwat and Nikkelen teaches the limitations of claim 41 as discussed above. However they fail to teach defining the message by the Light Weight Access Point Protocol (LWAPP). Brahmhatt teaches using (LWAPP) specification may determine which access point to associate with, also the messages includes a network ID(pg. 6, pp0052, lines 1-6). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at time the invention was made to combine the teachings of D'Argence in view of Bhagwat and Nikkelen with the teachings of Brahmhatt to achieve the goal of efficiently and accurately transferring information within access points in a wireless communication system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMONIYI A. OBAYANJU whose telephone number is (571)270-5885. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 7:30 - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent P. Harper can be reached on 571-272-7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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